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SUBJECT: DENGUE FEVER EPIDEMIC: IMPACT ON U.S. MISSION

1. SEPTEL REPORTS PAHO ESTIMATE THAT 20-25 PERCENT OF JAMAICA'S POPULATION EITHER HAS HAD OR DOES HAVE DENGUE FEVER IN CURRENT EPIDEMIC WHICH BEGAN IN LATE MAY. THAT ESTIMATE, BASED ON THIS MISSION'S OWN EXPERIENCE, MAY NOT BE FAR OFF. FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS ON IMPACT ON U.S. MISSION.

2. OUT OF 90 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS PRESENTLY ON ISLAND, 12 REPORTED IN WITH DENGUE FEVER IN JUNE AND 5 HAVE ALREADY REPORTED IN WITH DENGUE FEVER DURING FIRST 7 DAYS OF JULY. PEACE CORPS STAFF ASSUMES THAT ACTUAL COUNT IS HIGHER. PRESUMABLY SOME VOLUNTEERS HAVE SOUGHT MEDICAL CARE FROM LOCAL DOCTORS NEAR THEIR SITES RATHER THAN FROM PEACE CORPS NURSE IN KINGSTON -- OR HAVE NOT REPORTED TO ANYONE. IN ANY EVENT, TOTAL FOR 5 WEEKS APPEARTO BE CLOSE TO OR WITHIN 20-25 PERECNT PAHO ESTIMATE.

3. FOR THE REST OF THE MISSION 9 OUT OF 64 U.S. STAFF (NOT INCLUDING DEPENDENTS) HAVE HAD OR DO HAVE DENGUE FEVER. THE RATIO FOR THE LOCAL STAFF IS 27 OUT OF 91.

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4. THE HIGH RATIO FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES MAY IN PART FLOW FROM SOME "DENGUE FEVER HOLIDAYS". THE LOW FIGURE FOR MISSION AMERICAN STAFF IS READILY EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT THEY ARE RELATIVELY LESS EXPOSED TO MOSQUITO CARRIERS BY VIRTUE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS THEY LIVE IN AND THEIR AIR CONDITIONED AND OFTEN SCREENED QUARTERS.
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